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1. This communication is responsive to the IDS filed 11-6-06.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date 11-6-06
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. Other _____.

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 11-6-06 was filed after the mailing date of the non-final office action mailed on 6-20-06. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.
2. Japanese documents 10-1329, 11-11974, 11-199267, 2001-26460 and 2002-348141 fail to include B₂O₃ as required by the instant claims. 2002-003241 includes amounts of R₂O outside the instant claims. 2002-167230, the only examples that have a total amount of SiO₂, B₂O₃ and Al₂O₃ within the instant claims is examples 3 and 5 which includes greater than the amount of 8 weight % B₂O₃ set forth in the instant claims. 2004-161597, 2004-277232, 2004-277233 and 2004-352571 have publication dates after the filing date of the instant application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl E. Group whose telephone number is 571-272-1368. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorendo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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